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File *Personal 11-3*

OTR 77-7338

28 APR 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration  
FROM : Harry E. Fitzwater  
Director of Training  
SUBJECT : Production of New Agency Image Film

STATINTL

1. This memorandum is in response to your request for production costs for a new Agency image film. Our estimates are based on figures provided by contractor, [REDACTED] and cover production of a 30-40 minute high quality film. It is noted that [REDACTED] is a professional film writer/producer/director who wrote and produced "A Need to Know" and who recently prepared "What is CIA?" from the previous film and other materials.

STATINTL

2. While it is entirely feasible to up-date the old "Need to Know" footage in line with the "What is CIA?" project, it would be still rather similar to the original film and thus might suffer criticism as being a "rehash" or that it "says nothing new." If, however, that kind of film were to be made, cost would be approximately \$85,000 and take six months to complete. The same methods and numbers of technicians hired to produce "Need to Know" in 1968 would be used.

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3. A fresher approach to a new image film may be found in a script treatment called "Of Common Concern" which [REDACTED] was tasked to write in 1974. That treatment (a copy of which has been sent to your office) was written as a replacement for "Need to Know" and may still have merit as a starting point for a new film. It is estimated that a film based on something along the lines of "Of Common Concern" would cost \$142,000 and require approximately six months to complete. This assumes that the Agency will act as its own "producer" entity and thus save considerable monies for overhead and profit considerations. Further, it is anticipated that technicians and crews would draw upon Agency personnel and facilities where appropriate.

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holding for Mike

[REDACTED]  
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DDA 77-1579

25 MAR 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Director  
FROM : John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration  
SUBJECT : Agency Movie Film Footage

1. In your memorandum of 14 March 1977 you presented the rationale for having Agency photographic crews shoot stock footage in 35mm color of the Headquarters building and grounds.

2. This excellent suggestion was forwarded to Mr. Knoche for which we now have his approval.

3. I am forwarding a memorandum to Admiral Turner pointing up our proposed action and hopefully with his further agreement we will be able to implement your suggestion.

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John F. Blake

Distribution:

Orig - Addressee  
1 - DDA Subject  
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EO/DDA [REDACTED] jlb (24 March 1977)

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File *Personnel 11-3*

DDA 77-1580

25 MAR 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Agency Movie Film Footage

1. Action Requested: None; for information only.
2. Background:

a. You will recall that a commercial film company asked permission to take motion picture film of the Agency's Headquarters building. This request was declined by the Assistant to the Director which prompted your question as to why, since you would like to encourage this type of exposure. We have always for reasons of security and economy turned such requests down. The economy is involved because of the extensive escort service that is needed by personnel of the Office of Security. Security reasons include those of cameramen filming license plates, employees under cover, visitors, etc.

b. In order to satisfy the requests of commercial film companies for coverage of the Headquarters building and its grounds, we will have Agency photographers take stock footage (35mm) and make prints available to commercial concerns upon request. We have a thoroughly professional crew and I am sure our film will be of commercial quality and quite acceptable for outside use. Mr. Knoche has concurred in this plan of action.

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John F. Blake

Distribution:

Orig - Addressee w/background (DDA 77-1502 & 77-1398)

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EO/DDA [REDACTED] 1b (24 March 1977)

DDA 77-1502

18 March 1977

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2. The problem is the constant inquiries we receive from various media sources for motion picture footage of the building. We have practically always, for reasons of security and economy, turned such requests down. The economy is involved because of the extensive escort service that is needed by personnel of the Office of Security.

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4. I recommend that you approve having Agency photographic crews shoot appropriate footage of exterior shots of the building and, as a public service, we offer such footage at no cost and as a public service to the media.

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STATINTL

[REDACTED]  
E. H. Knoche  
Deputy Director

3/21/77  
(Date)

14 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Administration

SUBJECT : Agency Movie Film Footage

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The requests were coordinated with the Office of Security and were both denied.

In the first instance, Paramount Pictures was shooting a television series, "Washington," based on the John Ehrlichman book. The company wanted to photograph actor Cliff Robertson (portraying a DCI) exiting a limousine in front of the building and entering the lobby. This would have necessitated a crew of 25 to 30 persons, six to eight vehicles, and "about two hours."

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They then asked for permission to have a film crew of two men to photograph the CIA building entrance in 35mm color film. They were willing to do it on a weekend and also have the Agency check the footage before its release.

Because of the precedent established with Paramount, the request was turned down.


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15 MAR 1977

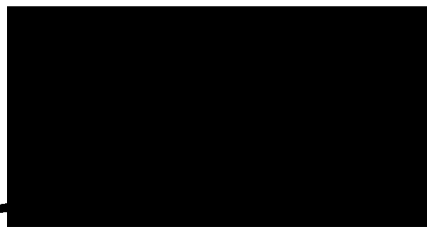
Bernie  
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3/24/77

recommendation

makes sense - I would like  
to talk to camera crew  
however - we should  
photograph the building  
from every conceivable angle  
(+ different weather conditions -  
time of day) ~~as well~~ including  
aerials if possible - so we  
will have a large selection

of stock footage on hand  
to choose from on future  
occasions - otherwise we will  
never have that one shot  
the producer must have  
to match the script -



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DDA 77-1580

2 APR 1977

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Deputy Director for Administration

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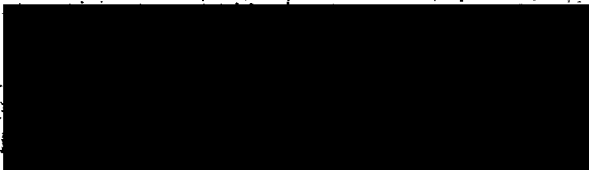
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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Executive Registry

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A few days ago Admiral Turner penned a note on a [REDACTED] media contact report asking why he denied permission for a film company to make movie footage of our building.

Already in process was a memo on this general subject which suggests that we make some stock footage which we will make available to requestors. This memo is attached. It explains some of the security reasons we have used as a basis for denying film companies access to our building and area.

This memo may be of interest to Admiral Turner.

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